

Cloak Still Hides CIA Dagger

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has written a book, "CIA: The Inside Story," which is being published by the New York Times.

CIA: THE INSIDE STORY
By Andrew Tully Morrow
276 pp. \$4.50.

ALLEN W. DULLES, in his New Year's Eve appearance on "Meet the Press," referred to Washington Scripps-Howard writer Andrew Tully's "CIA: The Inside Story" as "The Upside Down Story" containing "a great number of inaccuracies and a good deal of material which has been pulled from far-leftist sources."

This rather unfortunate advance billing on the first lay-reader book on the Central Intelligence Agency ordinarily might be dismissed as self-interest, coming as it did from CIA's longtime director. But Dulles' name appears in an impressive acknowledgment list in the front of the book, and at least some of the other Washington officials to whom Tully says he owes "a considerable debt of gratitude" have let it be known that they either didn't talk to the author or else had only a 15-minute exchange of formalities.

Tully's insider discusses purported CIA change-of-government maneuvers in Guatemala, Iran and Cuba; spy detection in the Soviet Union from the heights of a U-2 plane and on the ground through the help of discontented Soviet officials conceivably inside the Kremlin. Throughout his most readable account of CIA's cold war "dirty tricks" and intelligence breakthroughs, Tully would have his readers believe that he is writing with unquestioned authority.

Supposedly, he has super sources willing to let him dispense to the layman what they dare not do. But in the minute, at least, even the lay reader may find a few things to make him wonder about the accuracy of the rest.

be caught by the setting. Dulles' former New York law practice with the German banking house of "Shroeder" and its Nazi connections—when, in fact, Dulles' firm represented an independent British outgrowth of this house, which is spelled Shroder.

Then Tully seems to fancy spelling the name of the Premier of Laos, Prince Boun Oum, as "Boum Oun"; Lao Red Prince Souphanouvong as "Souphanou Vong"; Congo Foreign Minister Justin Bombo as "Justice"; Katanga's capital of Elisabethville as "Elizabethville."

Aware of such errors in small things, the lay reader—without imagining leftist influences—may have cause to

wonder about Tully's setting. Tully says he was in the office of the United Nations, the day even more over Tully's implication that governments the world round depend upon a successful CIA operation for survival.

IT IS DEBATABLE whether taxpayers are entitled to the same fill-in on an intelligence agency's needs as they are on other branches of government. Congress itself never has gotten such an accounting and, judging by its year-by-year refusal to insist on some sort of watchdog committee comparable to the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, apparently doesn't want to know.

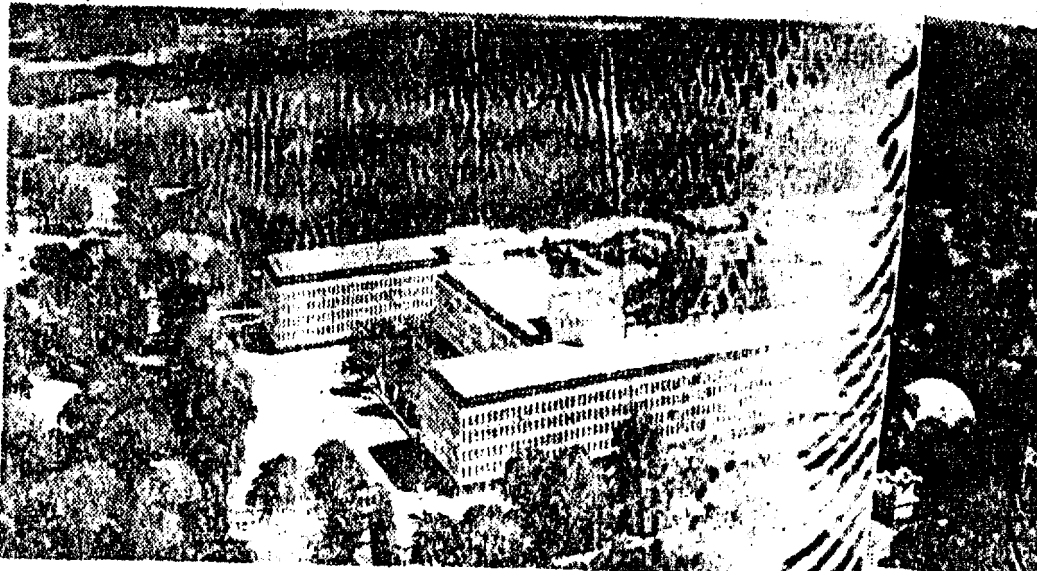
But Tully, in his concluding paragraph, notes that the Cuban fiasco, if nothing else, has shown that CIA no longer can be permitted to control intelligence estimates and cold war operations to such an extent that it drags a President and Secretary of State into its preconceived decisions.

And this, really, is what a lay book on CIA should be concerned with. Too few of

the CIA's operations are known to the public, and the CIA is the only major Government agency to be exempted—by practice if not principle—from the check and balance system of this Nation's Government. And the State Department, for one, long has smarted over the way the agency has had its gloved hand in the most sensitive international transactions.

Dulles, during his more than eight years as CIA director, managed to fend off any congressional inquiry into his operating principles and huge budget (estimated at \$1 billion, although only a few Congressmen really know) by occasional appearances before a staffless Armed Services or Appropriations Subcommittee.

BOTH PRESIDENT Kennedy and the Nation were badly embarrassed by CIA's Cuban operation last April. Mr. Kennedy now has a new CIA director, former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman John A. McCone. He has a



Still wanted: a tool to check CIA's honesty.